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Dear Alan Fox,

It was kind of you to write me so generously. Although I think you are in saying I am one of the great poets of the 20th century. I am a technician rather than a great poet.

I wish I could send you an autographed photo but, alas, it is one thing I do not own.

You ask me how I felt when I won the Pulitzer Prize -- it was chiefly puzzlement. I had never expected to win it.

Thank you again for writing me and like you, I hope the new year will be among your very happiest.

Sincerely
Phyllis McGinley Hayden/s

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IS "SECRETARIAL"
AND IS NOT SIGNED
BY THE AUTHOR.]